



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
WARRIOR TRANSITION UNIT- BAVARIA  
CMR 457 APO AE 09033

REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

MCEUB-WTU

8 February 2011

MEMORANDUM FOR All Charlie Company Soldiers

SUBJECT: Commander's Policy Letter: Domestic Abuse

1. Domestic abuse is a human readiness problem directly related to overall unit readiness requiring expert case handling. As such, I will devote an appropriate level of attention to implementing sound preventive measures while also becoming personally involved in each case.

2. I expect every leader in this company to take an active role in their soldiers' professional and personal development. That includes helping them cope with the stresses of being a soldier. We cannot expect our soldiers to reach their full potential if they have issues detracting from their development. It is incumbent upon us to learn the signs of potential problems and know if our soldiers are in an at risk category. Then, it is absolutely essential that we follow through and implement measures to mitigate potential problems.

3. In order to raise the awareness of this issue, I expect as many supervisors as possible to attend training with our BSB ACS. Additionally, any soldiers knowing or suspecting domestic abuse will immediately report it to the chain of command, the Chaplain, SWS, or law enforcement agency. Family members are also strongly encouraged to communicate problems or signs of potential problems to the chain of command, medical personnel, or law enforcement personnel.

4. We will take every possible action to prevent incidents of domestic abuse. If we fail however, we will also prosecute substantiated cases to the fullest extent of the law.

5. In order to mitigate potential problems, we will take the following steps:

a. Determine whether the soldier involved in an alleged incident of abuse should be ordered to move into the barracks, even if only for a short period of time.

b. Follow-up within 48 hours after initial report with SWS to ensure that the case is either being investigated or has been appropriately resolved.

c. Attend all CRC case presentations pertaining to soldiers in our unit. Command input is essential to the development and success of any treatment plan.

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d. Support and comply with CRC treatment recommendations to the maximum extent possible.

e. Contact and counsel soldiers and family members who fail to attend or act inappropriately during treatment or counseling.

f. Provide transportation, as necessary, of victims of abuse to the local medical treatment facility for treatment, assessment and initial social worker counseling and treatment.

6. To all the Warriors in Transition in this company, I ask you to think before an issue gets to the point of confrontation. Take a step back, take a deep breath and count to 10, go for a walk, or call your squad leader or platoon sergeant. Do not let one moment of anger destroy the rest of your life. Do not put yourself in a position where you look back in 5 years and ask yourself what could have been.

7. To the WTU Cadre, we can solve any problem before it reaches the point of no return if we communicate and take care of our soldiers. Nothing we do is worth a soldier losing his or her family. When all is said and done, after a distinguished career serving their country, their families will be there for them if we provide them with the leadership they deserve.



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